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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :
ALLOCATING OPERATING EXPENSES :

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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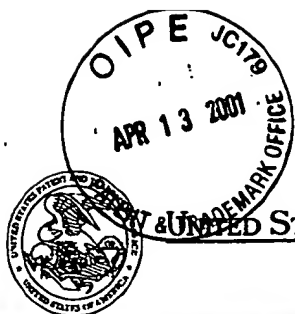
Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, mailed February 14, 2001, enclosed is the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application. In response to the requirement for new substitute drawings set forth in the Notice of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application mailed February 14, 2001, in the present application, enclosed are twelve (12) sheets of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 for the above-identified patent application. Also enclosed is Part 2 of the Notice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$130.00 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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